

Pub Board holds hearing

# Yearbook wants feedback

The CORNHUSKER staff wants to find out what the students want in their yearbook. They're looking for student input.

The Publications Board is holding hearings to find out exactly what the students think about the CORNHUSKER both pro and con. The staff is isolated in this office therefore we don't know if we are doing a good or bad job," according to editor Bill Ganzel.

Peter G. Wirtz, a member of the University Publications Board, said the Board is holding hearings to determine whether there is an interest on campus in continuing the publication of a yearbook.

"We would like to get some reaction from the student body on the CORNHUSKER," Wirtz said. "It seems that student interest has waned in the past few years and sales have become an increasing problem."

WIRTZ CALLED the yearbook "an important

student activity" and said he doubted if it would be abolished. He said the yearbook has been a large program that has taken a great amount of student time. The hearings are intended "to find out if the effort is really worth it".

"We may get some information on what type of yearbook students prefer," Wirtz said. This information might help determine future style and content of the book, he added.

The hearings will be Tuesday, March 16, at 3:30 p.m. in the Nebraska Union conference rooms. Ganzel hopes all students will attend to give the Publications Board a better sense of what the yearbook should be doing.

THE HEARING will be the first ever held by the Publications Board concerning the CORNHUSKER. Several years ago however informal sessions were held concerning the content of the Daily

Nebraskan.

As another method of discerning student attitudes towards the yearbook, students are being asked to fill out and return by mail a ballot published in the Monday Daily Nebraskan.

Ganzel estimated that 2,500 yearbooks will be sold this year. That figure falls short by 1,500 of the projected number of copies needed to be sold.

As a result of the lack of student support, the book which receives no student fee money, will be condensed into nine magazines instead of the originally planned twelve. He indicated that no material will be excluded from the condensed versions, but that binding costs will be reduced because of the decrease in volumes.

Last year's book lost a total of \$12,000 of which \$6,000 was stolen from the CORNHUSKER office in the Nebraska Union. The book itself lost a total of about \$6,000. They had hoped to sell 4,000 copies last year but only 3,200 books were paid for, he said.

"THE DISCOURAGING fact is that the University enrollment has doubled in the past ten years while the sale of books has slowly grown from 3,000 to 4,000 copies the first eight years and now it is decreasing," Ganzel pointed out.

He postulated that the books were not selling because of a change in student orientation on campus. Five years ago the campus was dominated by one group, however now there are various groups all with different interests. The CORNHUSKER is looking for new readership and we have tried to accomplish this with our multi-book style," he said. According to Ganzel 60 per cent of the students live off-campus and their staff has attempted to reach these people.

Unfortunately people are hesitant to buy something they



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know little about. Yearbooks are sold based on the quality of the previous year's book. Many people were turned off by last year's book, he said.

Greek support, one of the mainstays of the yearbook, has fallen off this year. Ganzel noted that this trend began with the objection of Greeks to the content in the 1969 CORNHUSKER. The headline, "Greek image tarnishes, who wants a pin?" drew especially heavy criticism.

In last year's book many Greeks were not only dissatisfied with the article accompanying the Greek section, but with the overall negative attitude the book directed towards the University itself.

GANZEL SAID that this year's staff has not purposely

tried to shut off the support from fraternities and sororities. "You don't want to lose your old base, you only want to broaden and strengthen it," he said.

Their staff has been hindered, according to Ganzel, because images from previous year's books are handed down to this staff. This year's staff had nothing to do with those previous sections, he said.

Despite the financial difficulties of this year's book, Ganzel was positive that there would be a book next year. However, he was uncertain concerning the exact form the yearbook would follow.

"There is a place on this campus for a yearbook. We just want to find out where it is and this will take time," he concluded.

## Committee detains self-defense bill

The Legislature's Constitutional Revision committee decided to hold for future action LB 763, the reincarnated self-defense measure.

The bill, which would allow any citizen to protect himself, his family or his property "by any reasonable means necessary," embodies essentially the same wording as the controversial law recently declared unconstitutional by the Nebraska Supreme Court.

The invalidated law, dubbed the "shoot-your-neighbor act" by opponents, was introduced in the 1969 Unicameral session by former Sen. Clifton Batchelder and became law when it was passed over the veto of former Gov. Norbert T. Tiemann.

The new bill is introduced as a constitutional amendment and, if reported by committee and passed by the Legislature, will go on the 1972 general election ballot needing majority electorate approval to alter the constitution. The meas-

ure is sponsored by Sens. Terry Carpenter, George Syas and John S. Savage.

The chief objection to the self-defense act two years ago by legislative opponents was its vagueness and ambiguity. Batchelder said the addition of the word "reasonable" should silence such opposition. He added he relented to the addition for the word only to assure passage of the bill in the Unicameral.

The new bill also includes a provision for the state to reimburse any defendant "for loss of time, legal fees, court costs or other expense" if he is brought to trial for violating the act but is acquitted.

The committee decided to hold the bill when deadlocked 3-3 on a vote to report the measure to the floor. Sen. Harold Moylan, the seventh member of the committee was absent. Another vote will probably be taken on the bill when the committee meets Thursday.

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The Publications Board is holding an open hearing to decide the fate of the CORNHUSKER. It will be held on Tuesday, March 16, 1971, at 3:30 in the Nebraska Union.

If you cannot attend please fill in this mail ballot and return it to the Student Activities Office, 340 Nebraska Union.

1. What is your Class Standing?

Fr So Jr Sr

2. Have you bought a Cornhusker in the past?

Yes No

3. Will you buy a CORNHUSKER next year?

Yes No

4. Why or why not: